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FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS

FROM DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S PRESS BRIEFING JULY 10, 1974:

QUOTE: Q. DOES THE UNITED STATES AGREE WITH ISRAEL'S CLAIM THAT THERE HAVE BEEN CERTAIN VIOLATIONS OF DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT ALONG THE SYRIAN-ISRAELI FRONTIER?

A. NO, I'M NOT BRIEFED ON THAT. AND I THINK I'D BETTER JUST NOT TALK ABOUT IT UNTIL I GET HOLD OF ROY ATHERTON OR SOMEONE ON IT. #

Q. DO WE HAVE ANY INFORMATION WHETHER ANTI-AIRCRAFT MISSILES HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED FROM ONE ARAB STATE TO PALESTINIAN GUERRILLA CAMPS IN SOUTHERN LEBANON?

A. I SAW -- THERE'S A STORY IN THE STAR THAT JUST CAME OUT ON THIS WHICH I READ. I CAN'T CONFIRM IT OR DENY IT. END QUOTE.

SUPPLIED FOR THE RECORD LATER: WE HAVE SEEN PRESS REPORTS TO THAT EFFECT. I KNOW OF NO OFFICIAL ISRAELI GOVERNMENT STATEMENT ON THIS. KISSINGER

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